

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 26, 2008

Wayne Tucker, Treasurer Republican Party of Texas 900 Congress Ave, Suite 300 Austin, TX 78701

Response Due Date: October 27, 2008

Identification Number: C00143743

Reference:

Amended Statement of Organization, received 5/23/08

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following item:

-On May 23, 2008, your Committee filed an Amended Statement of Organization disclosing no affiliated committees. Further, on July 17, 2008, your Committee filed a miscellaneous electronic submission (FEC FORM 99) referencing the Amended Statement of Organization received on 5/23/08. The FEC FORM 99 states "With respect to the amended Organizational Statement, the Party has disclosed all committees affiliated with the Party, and all the information for all sections of the form is complete as filed."

According to 11 CFR §110.3(b)(3), committees of the same political party are presumed to be affiliated unless "[t]he political committee of the party unit in question has not received funds from any other political committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled by any party unit; and the political committee of the party unit in question does not make its contributions in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any other party unit or political committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled by another party unit."

A review of the reports filed by your committee indicates that you received \$23,500.00 from "Harris County Republican Party" on 10/3/06, and your committee has received transfers totaling \$134,000.00 from "Republican

Party Of Dallas County" on 10/13/06, 10/24/06 and 11/1/06. These activities suggest that your Committee may be affiliated with these local and county Republican Party committees.

Further, the "Republican Party of Kendall County" has disclosed your committee as an affiliated committee on Line 6 of its Amended Statement of Organization, received 11/30/04.

These factors appear to demonstrate that your Committee may finance, maintain or control federally registered county and local party committees in the State of Texas. Please amend your Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) to disclose all affiliated committees or provide further clarification as to why these affiliated relationships do not exist. Please refer to Advisory Opinions 1978-09 and 1999-04 for additional information.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1141.

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